opportunities for life-long learning to the neo-literates and imparting vocational training to neo-literates through Jan Shikshan Sansthans. 150 districts of the country, which have the lowest literacy rates, have been identified for launching of a special literacy drive for eradication of residual illiteracy in these areas. Out of 150 districts, 134 districts have already been covered under the programme. Under the adult literacy programmes, 60% of the beneficiaries are women.

The Government has also launched two programmes for education of girls at elementary level—the National Programme for Education of Grils at the Elementary level (NPEGEL) and the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV).

(d) Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Rs. 854.22 crores were allocated to the state of Rajasthan during 2005-06 and Rs. 1253.37 crore have been allocated for 2006-07. Under the Adult Education Programme, funds are not allocated State-wise but are released to the implementing agencies depending upon the proposals received from them, completion of the earlier programmes sanctioned to them settlement of accounts. No State specific or year-wise budgetary provision is made. During the year 2005-06, a total grant of Rs. 972.20 lakh was sanctioned to the implementing agencies in Rajasthan based on the proposals received from them for implementation of various adult education programmes.

Proposal of Kolar Gold Mines Unions

536. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Unions working in Kolar Gold Fields Limited;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) Employees Supervisors and Officers' United Forum have submitted a proposal to the Government of India. The Proposal is for settlement of employees' Special Terminal

Benefit Package (STBP), mine rehabilitation and employment of BGML employees.

(c) No decision has been taken in this regard.

Reaching of SSA to Minorities

†*537. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has not reached the madarsas which have been set up in the country for the basic education of the Muslim population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the schemes formulated by Government to improve the educational status of the Muslims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Approximately 10,700 Madarsas/Maqtabas have been supported for introduction of the formal State elementary education curriculum, under SSA.

At the elementary level, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya scheme and the Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme promote education of muslim children.

Allocation of Power to Punjab

*538. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has assured that Punjab would be

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